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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation into the Classification of Transmission
Facilities Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.495(1)(h)

05-EI-119

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO develop a methodology for classifying transmission facilities pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.485.

Wis. Stat. § 196.485(2)(a) requires each “transmission utility,” by June 30, 2000, to transfer control of its transmission facilities to an independent system operator or to divest itself of those facilities. It is necessary for the Public Service Commission (Commission) to determine what constitutes a “transmission facility.” A “transmission facility,” as defined by Wis. Stat. § 196.485(1)(h) means:

? any pipe, pipeline, duct, wire, line, conduit, pole, tower, equipment or other structure used for the transmission of electric power as determined by the public service commission on the basis of factors for identifying a transmission facility that are specified in the orders of the federal energy regulatory commission under 16 USC 824d and 824e.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the utilities that own transmission facilities. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from transmission utilities in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

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